

BRIEFS

MS BAPTIST SCHOOLS TOP WALLETHUB'S LIST

WASHINGTON, DC (Special) — Mississippi College (MC) in Clinton and William Carey University (WCU) in Hattiesburg, both affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention, have been ranked as the top small colleges in Mississippi in a just-released study by WalletHub, a personal finance website in Washington, D.C. WalletHub surveyed 100 small schools nationwide using categories such as student selectivity, cost and financing, career outcomes, student-faculty ratio, graduation rates, and post-attendance median salary. MC ranked first in the subcategory of admission rate, while WCU was best in the subcategory of low on-campus crime.

SETTLEMENT ALLOWS CHRISTIAN MESSAGES

KENNESAW, Ga. (BP) — A Christian apologetics group at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Ga., will be able to freely display pro-life and other messages at the public university, the result of a settlement reached through Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF). Ratio Christi, a registered student organization at the school, recouped their free speech right in a legal settlement announced by ADF on Oct. 18. The student group had twice been required to post its displays in a small "speech zone" after the university deemed the messages "controversial," ADF said in a lawsuit filed in federal court in February.

'THE MESSAGE' AUTHOR E. PETERSON DIES AT 85

KALISPELL, Mont. (BP and local reports) — Eugene Peterson, 85, bestselling Christian author known for The Message paraphrase of Scripture, died Oct. 22 from complications of dementia and heart disease. Pastor of Christ Our King Presbyterian Church in Bel Air, Md., for nearly 30 years, Peterson published more than 30 books on biblical spirituality, pastoral theology, and Christian living.



GEARING UP — Southern Baptist volunteers manning heavy equipment prepare to remove a tree downed by Hurricane Michael in the Albany, Ga., area. (Photo courtesy of Sherwood Church, Albany, Ga.)

Calling all chainsaw, mud-out teams

By William H. Perkins
Editor

Hurricane Michael left mass devastation along the Florida panhandle when it made landfall on Oct. 10, but remnants of the Category 4 storm were still powerful enough to wreak widespread havoc a few days later as it passed through Georgia and the Carolinas — some areas of which were already reeling from Hurricane Florence a few weeks before.

That's why Shane McGivney, director of men's ministry and coordinator of the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Task Force at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB), has issued a

call for all available chainsaw and mud-out teams to immediately begin planning for deployment to Albany, Ga., where Baptist volunteers from Mississippi and several other states are headquartered at First Church.

Mud-out teams clean housing that has been flooded or otherwise affected, stripping away ruined flooring, wallboard, furniture, and other items. The teams then treat the remaining portions of the structure for contamination that often accompanies standing flood water.

He estimated about 70 Mississippi Baptist volunteers are currently working in the name of the Lord in the Albany area.

"There are 22 counties in Georgia that have been declared disaster areas. We have taken in over 400 work orders for chainsaw work and debris removal. Resources after two major hurricanes affecting four states are spread thin," he said. "All qualified chainsaw and mud-out teams should contact the MBCB Men's Ministry Department and let us know about availability."

McGivney can be contacted at smcgivney@mbcb.org. Telephone: (601) 292-3335, or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651, ext. 335.

The Task Force also has a team of 20 Mississippi Baptist

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Trustees uphold Patterson dismissal

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP and local reports) — Southwestern Seminary trustees voted Oct. 17 to uphold the trustee executive committee's decision in May to terminate the employment of former president Paige Patterson.



PATTERSON

Trustees affirmed Patterson's termination at their Oct. 15-17 meeting based on a motion, referred to the seminary by messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in June, "that the whole board of trustees at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary consider revisiting their original decision concerning Dr. Paige Patterson."

Trustee Jonathan Richard, senior pastor of First Church, Estancia, N.M., moved that the full board ratify "the executive committee actions since the last full board meeting." The executive committee's actions included terminating Patterson May 30

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From the editor

WILLIAM PERKINS

The good fight

A lot of non-Baptists (and Baptists, for that matter) think our long-standing opposition to the recreational use of alcohol in any form is rather quaint, if not amusing. We've all heard the tired old jokes about Baptists staggering to the polls to vote dry — and yes, there are Baptists who imbibe. No argument there.

The conduct of individual Baptists notwithstanding, we have always stood together against the bloody stain of alcohol that continues to be smeared across our state and nation. Virtually every family in Mississippi has been negatively affected in some way by misuse of this dangerous drug. It is powerfully addictive, cheap, and available almost everywhere just for the asking.

Rarely does a day go by that someone in our state is not killed or permanently maimed by a drunk driver. The Mississippi State Penitentiary is filled with people who were raised in dysfunctional families controlled by alcohol's cruel hand. Corporate alcohol pushers spend billions in expansive advertising and promotions to get us to consume even more of their poison, all the while escaping the consequences of their actions through public relations and political connections.

Yet our culture doesn't take us seriously when we argue against alcohol use, even when we quote the grim statistics. However, more authoritative evidence is stacking up that we are on the side of right.

A conclusive study headed by Timothy Naimi, who holds both doctor of medicine and master of public health degrees and is a professor in the Department of Medicine at Boston University School of Medicine, clearly spells out the health dangers of even moderate use of alcohol.

According to a summary authored by Boston internist Jeff Jenks on the medical school's web site, Naimi and colleagues from the National

Cancer Institute, the Alcohol Research Group, Public Health Institute, and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, examined recent data from the U.S. on alcohol consumption and cancer mortality.

They found that alcohol resulted in approximately 20,000 cancer deaths annually, accounting for about 3.5% of all cancer deaths in the U.S. That's in addition to all the other alcoholic mayhem that ends in death, such as medical problems not associated with cancer, automobile accidents, injuries from operating dangerous machinery, and taking unrealistic risks while drunk.

Their findings, published in the April 2013 issue of the American Journal of Public Health, lead them to conclude that bringing down alcohol consumption in the U.S. should be an important cancer prevention strategy since alcohol is known to cause cancer even when used small amounts.

How small an amount? The study points out that while higher levels of alcohol consumption naturally lead to a greater cancer risk, average consumption of 1.5 drinks per day or less totaled 30% of all cancer deaths attributed to alcohol.

"The relationship between alcohol and cancer is strong, but is not widely appreciated by the public and remains underemphasized even by physicians," said Naimi in the Jenks report. "Alcohol is a big preventable cancer risk factor that has been hiding in plain sight."

Our society is awash with people who have been crippled psychologically, socially, and physically by alcohol. We already knew the health effects were equally as grave, and now we can add another killer to the long list of problems created by alcohol.

When it comes to alcohol consumption, it looks like we've been right all along. Don't give up the fight.

When God Speaks

I can remember participating in worship services when the speaker asked us to stand and shout out our favorite name for God. The Great I Am. The first and the last. Jehovah Jireh. El Shaddai.

I've always liked the word, "beautiful." God is beautiful in every way. His purpose is beautiful. His heart and mind are beautiful. His creation is beautiful. His love for man is beautiful.

I've recently added another name for God: "the God who speaks." Why this name?

On vacation this summer I walked by a gift store that specialized in Asian pottery. The store was filled with statues of Buddha. I know from my studies at California Baptist University that Buddhists don't really worship any particular god.

I've also learned that due to the influence of Christian missionaries over the centuries, Buddhists have started to worship Buddha as their god but there is one thing I've never heard: I have never heard of Buddha speaking to anyone.

He is popular but never speaks. The same is true for all the popular gods in the world. They do not speak to man.

Have you ever shared with friends at work that God spoke to you? Perhaps they gave you a funny look. Most people don't know that God speaks. Their gods don't speak so they are uncomfortable when Christians talk about God speaking to them.

Yet the God of the Bible and of creation is fully capable of speaking to us. Hebrews 1:1-2 give us a brief history of how God speaks to man: "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds."

The pattern is very simple: God spoke through His prophets during the Old Testament era. Since the com-



Guest opinion

with Randy Bennett

ing of the Lord, He Himself speaks to us through His Holy Spirit. What an amazing blessing.

Peter confirmed this in 2 Peter 1:21 (prophets spoke as moved by the Holy Spirit) and 2 Peter 3:2 (God spoke through prophets and now through the Apostles). God spoke to Abraham and Moses.

If you take a look at each of the prophets you'll see that all of them claimed to hear from God — Elijah, Elisha, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Zechariah, Micah, Micaiah — as well as King David.

Are you hearing from God? He speaks to our hearts today from His Word. His Holy Spirit whispers to us on a daily basis, quietly answering our prayers and speaking to our hearts. Isn't it amazing that the God of creation speaks to us?

How would our lives change if we knew with confidence that God was speaking to us through His Word by the power of the Holy Spirit? I'm a simple soul and I fully believe that God speaks to me right when I need to hear Him.

Once a believer discovers the voice of God, their lives are never the same.

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Acknowledge sexual abuse grief, panel urges



PANEL DISCUSSION — Panelists (from right) Kimberlee Norris, Jen Wilkin, Gregory Love, and Trillia Newbell listen to a question from moderator Lindsay Nicolet (left) during a discussion on sexual abuse and assault at the ERLC national conference Oct. 12 at the Gaylord Texas Resort and Convention Center in suburban Dallas. (BP photo)

GRAPEVINE, Texas (BP) — Women are grieving and male church leaders should join them in their grief over the sexual abuse and assault so many have suffered, panelists said Oct. 12 during the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC) annual national conference Oct. 12 at the Gaylord Texas Resort and Convention Center in suburban Dallas.

About 950 people attended the three-day event entitled, *The Cross-Shaped Family*, that ended Oct. 13.

A panel of lawyers and female Christian leaders addressed sexual abuse and assault during a main session of the conference. Lindsay Nicolet, ERLC managing editor of content, moderated the panel.

Four other panels during the conference's main sessions addressed the education of children, the strengthening of ministry marriages, broken homes/adoption/foster care, special needs/mental health.

The panel discussion on sexual abuse and assault came after months of disclosures of sexual misconduct by male leaders in Southern Baptist churches, other evangelical congregations, and the wider culture, as well as charges of ministry leaders mishandling allegations of sexual assault.

Much anger

Jen Wilkin, Bible teacher and classes/curriculum director of The Village Church in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, said women "are moving through the stages of grief around this. There has been a great deal of

anger, and understandably so.

"I think women are looking to leadership, and they're looking for not just an acknowledgment of what has happened. They want to see grief among our leadership. They want to see a brokenness around what has not been previously seen and then legitimate changes taking place, and they're going to be watching for it. I think they're watching with hope."

Women understand the revelations of mistreatment of women are largely a surprise to men, Wilkin told the audience. "...and that's OK. We're willing to allow a time for you to sort of come to terms with what is a historically unspoken reality for women, but then we do expect there will be action and there will be change that's taken so that even if this is our past it won't be our future."

Unwillingness

Gregory Love, a law partner and co-founder of MinistrySafe and Abuse Prevention Systems with his wife and fellow panelist Kimberlee Norris, said the last 16 to 18 months have sadly shown primarily male church leaders responding defensively.

"[It's] almost like there is an unwillingness especially, I believe, for men in ministry leadership to just stop, listen, and say, 'I'm sorry,' just to own what you can own — even if it's not your fault, just to listen and let someone just tell their story and then also to listen in such a way you can ask the questions, 'What then needs to change?'" Love told the audience.

That observation applies across the board, whether it is

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sexual assault, abuse, or harassment, he added.

One of the most negative responses Love said he has seen in the last year or more from male leaders is with female victims of abuse or assault "being received in such a way that just because it's old it's not real or just because it's old you should be past it by now, and I would just tell you, [be] careful there. Be ready to hear this with ears as if it happened yesterday."

Fear of sharing

Trillia Newbell, a survivor of sexual assault, spoke about the fear a victim confronts in sharing what has happened to her.

"I tell you this — that woman in particular will fear saying it

10 times more than you're going to fear the reality of trying to care for her," said Newbell, author and ERLC director of community outreach.

"It is a terrifying thing to say out loud, and there's so much shame and guilt that comes along with it even though you are not the perpetrator. ...[Be] ready to have compassion and to love and to extend absolute grace upon grace upon grace."

"Listen to her, and take action where action needs to be taken."

Both sin and crime

Norris issued a warning for churches: Treating sexual abuse or assault as though it is only a sin "rather than a crime, is inappropriate in every context and addressing this from the standpoint of 'We can somehow handle this within the church,' is against the law in most states and inappropriate at best."

While she is encouraged that churches and ministries are "more willing to be proactive about this issue rather than simply reactive," Norris pointed out she is discouraged at clergy "who do not understand they are mandatory reporters" of child sexual abuse in nearly every state.

Jesus heals

Bible teacher Beth Moore, who was sexually abused as a child, said in an Oct. 12 interview with ERLC President Russell Moore, "It was not the joy of the Lord for me to go through what I went through as a child, but in His sovereignty He allowed it. ...I would change my

story in a heartbeat, but I get to say to [others], 'You know what, I know Jesus heals. I know His Word renews minds. I know His way works. I know you can really know the truth and the truth will set you free.'"

Moore also said of the current situation, "It's very messy right now, but the fact that we are having to deal with it is a good, good thing, and we who are willing will all be better on the other side. The church will be stronger on the other side."

Sex as weapon

Phillip Bethancourt, ERLC executive vice president, said in an Oct. 12 keynote address sex can be used as a weapon. "Those with authority use their power for unwanted sexual advances on others and as that happens, oftentimes in companion with that there are others who refuse to hold the powerful accountable because they're focused on their own self-protection rather than justice and protection of the vulnerable."

Bethancourt expressed gratitude for the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Sexual Abuse Study currently in process. SBC President J.D. Greear in July announced the study in partnership with ERLC.

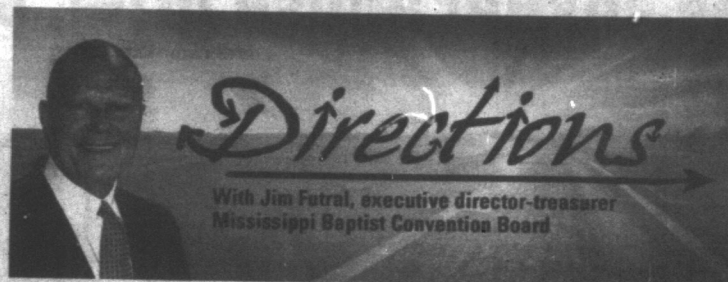
Bethancourt also cautioned, "We must pursue this issue with urgency but here's the danger for me, and I wonder if some of you feel it. My instinct is to want to move straight to solutions before starting with sorrow. [Before] we can get it right, we need to weep with those who weep. Out of the sorrow I am praying that solutions will come."

"Jesus took naps." That was the message on a sweatshirt worn by a senior adult at a gathering at one of our churches. So pointed, so provoking, so simple — and so true. Jesus, who was fully God robed in flesh, experienced the drain of resources that all of us have encountered from time to time, as well as a lack of energy, mental resources, and emotional fuel. We get tired, worn down, and empty, and need rest, recuperation, and restoration, and so Jesus took naps.

In Matthew 8:24, we find Jesus with His disciples getting into a ship to go across to the other side of the sea and there are these poignant words: "And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, inasmuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep." The "He" is Jesus. It had been a busy and no doubt strenuous day. Jesus found a place to rest and get refueled and be ready to go again. What a lesson to be learned by all of us.

We all so often think about Jesus as he came to the well of Sychar in John 4. You and I know that's where He met the woman at the well and she met Him. Scripture says He was weary in his journey. Jesus experienced what all of us experience.

It's not a matter of just getting physically tired but we can get drained emotionally, mentally, spiritually. Some of those emptiness feelings are worse than any physical limitations we may encounter. At times, maybe sitting in a meeting, or talking to someone on the



Jesus Took Naps

phone, or hearing of a crisis in someone's life, suddenly you're pulled into a moment that literally can drain you — a moment for which you can't prepare, a moment you can't envision happening. While God knew what was on the horizon, you have no idea what was around the corner and it takes everything out of you and you need to recoup. Just remember, Jesus took naps. I'm not by any means saying we ought to drag through life doing nothing and snoozing all the time, but we certainly do need to listen to the Lord as He speaks to us and follow His example.

Think about that as you hear the words of Jesus in Matthew 14:13 and 23. Pay attention to them. Verse 13 says that He departed by ship to a desert

place apart, and then in verse 23 when He sent the multitude away He went up into a mountain apart. Many have suggested that if we don't come apart for a time of refreshing, a time of prayer, a time of clarity of thinking, if we don't come apart, we will come apart. That would be true for every one of us.

It's interesting how we somehow imagine that if we really walk with God, we are supermen and superwomen and never need a time of rest and reflection. We put that kind of aura around people who are in positions of leadership or care and service of the church and think they ought to give over and above forever and ever until there's nothing left, and sometimes they do. I often think about the woman who came

by to see the pastor only to be told by his secretary that it was his day off. The woman who stopped by was somewhat perturbed and upset because the pastor was taking a day off. Later she confronted the pastor about his day off and said to him "The devil doesn't take a day off." To which the pastor politely and gently said, "And that's why he's the devil."

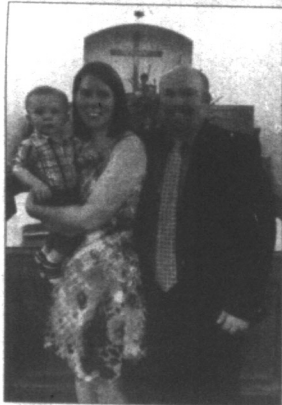
The Bible is clear in trying to help us understand that every one of us live in a world of limitations that may come about because we do not know and our mental faculties are not as extensive as they need to be, or because we are just empty emotionally and find it impossible to give any more sensitivity and care or maybe it's in our resources and maybe at times it's physically.

It's not wise for any of us to run on empty for very long. If you try that in your car, just down the road as you begin to go up a slight incline that car will probably buck a few times and you'll find yourself sitting on the side of the road and wondering what to do then. That also can happen to any of us personally. So today, you don't have to take the whole day off but find moments during the day when you can come apart, rest, reflect, and be renewed and face the rest of the day.

Just remember the encouraging words from the senior adult sweatshirt, "Jesus Took Naps."

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Staff Changes



PROVIDENCE CHURCH, BENTON/TIPPAH ASSOCIATION, called Caleb Davis as pastor in June. He is a native of Prentiss County and was ordained July 8. Shown are Davis, his wife Kate, and son Aiden.

College News



Three **WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY** students were presented with scholarships Oct. 12 from the Mississippi Baptist Foundation through the Board of Ministerial Education. Shown left to right are: Wes Dykes, dean of the School of Music and Ministry Studies; John Mark Vincent of Decatur, junior religion major, recipient of the William Clawson Scholarship; Mikayla Giles of Meridian, senior intercultural studies major serving at LoveNow Community Church as Children's Ministry Director, recipient of the Carpenter-Gandy Ministerial Scholarship; Chandler Smith of Saraland, Ala., senior music education major serving as worship leader at Seminary Baptist Church, recipient of the Hardy R. Denham Jr. Scholarship; and Daniel Caldwell, chair of the Department of Biblical Studies and Board of Ministerial Education member.

Revivals & Homecomings

► **Nola Church, Sontag:** Homecoming, Oct. 28: service, 10:30 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds.
► **Arkadelphia Church, Bailey:** Revival, Oct. 26-28; Fri. - Sat., 7 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.; Keith Lovett, speaker;

Letita Banks, music.

► **Georgetown Church, Georgetown:** Homecoming, Oct. 28: service, 10:45 a.m., followed by covered dish lunch; Joseph Oster, speaker; Ron Tullos, music.

► **First Church, Potts**

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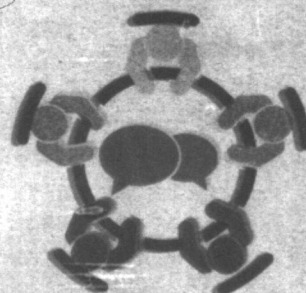
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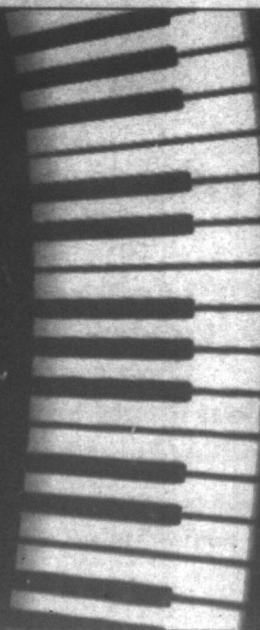
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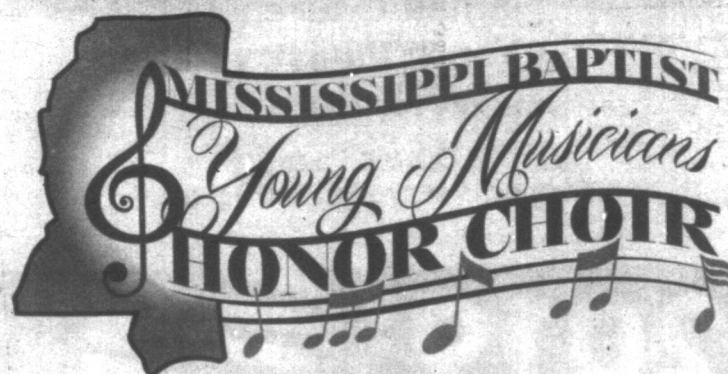


Dennis Swanberg



Voices of Joy

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April 6-7, 2019

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LifeWay podcast to feature ministry breakthroughs

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (BP) — In Philippians 4:8, Paul tells the church to dwell on what's commendable and praiseworthy. Christians can now apply Paul's advice during their daily commute with a new Podcast.

Hosted by Bryan Rose, My Ministry Breakthrough is dedicated to telling the stories of churches experiencing key moments of vision clarity and alignment.

"Many of our guests may not make conference stages with their stories or be featured in big magazines, but that's the beauty of the podcasting medium," said Rose, lead navigator for Auxano, the on-site ministry consulting arm of LifeWay Christian Resources that fuses vision clarity with five critical needs in churches: resourcing, leadership, execution, communication and discipleship.

New episodes of My Ministry Breakthrough are made available every other week and can be downloaded at MyMinistryBreakthrough.com or wherever podcasts are available.

"You can tell stories with ordinary leaders in a way that's encouraging and challenging," Rose noted.

The inspiration for Rose's podcast came from How I Built This, a National Public Radio broadcast featuring entrepreneurs behind some of the world's best-known companies. Instead of speaking to website designers and real estate moguls, Rose calls upon pastors and high-capacity volunteers to tell their stories of how "God Built This."

"It's easy for churches to copy-and-paste vision from other churches," Rose said, "but every church is called to be unique and to tap into its own DNA. God has a plan for every church that's rooted in its context."

Rose believes ministry breakthrough happens when churches embrace their cultural and geographic context and align people and resources to a vision that helps them make disciples.

"Pastors are visionaries," he said. "The problem is many

tend to rely on a general sense of where they're going. This always leads to misalignment and competing pictures of what the future looks like."

In the inaugural episode of My Ministry Breakthrough, Rose interviewed Will Mancini, founder of Auxano, about what breakthrough looks like for churches. Mancini said such a definition is hard to put into words but described the following traits of churches that go through such an experience:

■ Church members and leaders begin to see ministry routines in a new, exciting way.

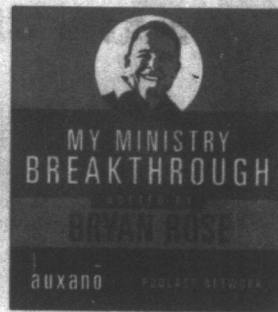
■ An idea brings a quantum jump of energy to a church.

■ A deep sense of satisfaction forms in knowing, "This is exactly what we're called to do."

■ New confidence is created as the future of the ministry becomes clearer.

■ Persistent tension in a church suddenly becomes resolved.

"For me, the most important part of breakthrough is there's



a trajectory change for the rest of your life," Mancini said. "You know it when you see it."

By telling breakthrough stories, Rose is committed to helping others learn what a breakthrough might look like for their own ministries.

"There are lot of pastors out there who feel isolated, who feel like they're going through things no one else is," Rose said. "The goal of this podcast is to provide an instructive listen for anyone who's involved in leadership in the church,

whether it be in a lay role or a staff role."

Future episodes of "My Ministry Breakthrough" will include:

■ Barrett Bowden, senior pastor at Island Community Church in Memphis, which began in a living room and has blossomed into a large ministry heavily populated by Millennials and medical students living in urban areas of Memphis.

■ Chris Freeland and Justin Atkins, senior pastor and executive pastor, respectively, of McKinney Church in Fort Worth. Freeland and Atkins will discuss what it looks like to lead an established church through a name change.

■ Chris Driver, pastor of Fifth Street Church in Levelland, Texas, a church with a membership of less than 100 that plans to launch house churches in small farming towns nearby.

"You don't have to be a big church with big resources to have a big vision of what God is calling you to," Rose said.

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Judge tosses allegations in lawsuit against Pressler, SBC

HOUSTON (BP) — A Texas court has dismissed several

defendants and multiple counts in a lawsuit alleging sexual abuse by retired Texas state district judge Paul Pressler, known as one of the architects of the Conservative Resurgence in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The lawsuit filed by plaintiff Gerald Duane Rollins in October 2017 alleged sexual misconduct by Pressler and also sought to hold several other defendants responsible, including the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

Harris County District Judge R.K. Sandill's Oct. 15 order granting summary judgment dismissed, among other matters, all claims against the SBC because the statute of limitations had expired on those claims.

Pressler helped engineer a strategy to turn the SBC back to its theologically conservative roots in the late 20th century. He also served Southern Baptists in various other volunteer capacities.

SBC attorney James Guenther told Baptist Press, "The convention had multiple defenses in this case. The most basic defense was the fact that the convention committed no wrong and was not involved or

connected in any way with the harms that Mr. Rollins alleged.

"Additionally, the convention did not have control over or any duty to control Mr. Pressler or any of the other defendants. So, none of the facts necessary to assert any valid claim against the convention was present. [The SBC] was simply not responsible if another defendant in this case engaged in any wrongdoing.

"While vigorously asserting all of its defenses, the convention took the route deemed most practical, economic, and indisputable: the plaintiff's suit against the convention was filed too late, not by weeks or months, but by years — the statute of limitations had long run on the charges," Guenther said in written comments.

"Because the statute of limitations defense was apparent from the plaintiff's own pleadings, the court did not need to consider the SBC's other defenses to Rollins' claims."

Sandill's order applies to Rollins' allegations that Pressler abused him and also to related claims, including conspiracy and negligence, against Pressler, the SBC, Southwestern Seminary, former Southwestern President Paige Patterson, First Church and Second Church in Houston, Pressler's wife Nancy, and Pressler's former law partner Jared Woodfill.

The ruling did not dismiss Rollins' slander and libel

claim against the Presslers, Patterson, Southwestern, First Church in Houston, and Woodfill related to a statement Woodfill made in 2017.

Neither did Sandill dismiss breach of contract claims related to the settlement of a separate lawsuit Rollins filed against Pressler in 2004 alleging assault by Pressler.

All defendants have denied all of the claims against them.

Sandill announced his intention to grant summary judgment on the sexual abuse claims Aug. 17 at a court hearing, but Sandill's campaign for the Texas Supreme Court and a series of motions by Rollins — including multiple attempts to have Sandill removed from the case — delayed the issuing of a signed order.

The Oct. 15 order also denied Rollins' request for reconsideration. Rollins has the right to appeal the order.

Rollins' 2017 lawsuit alleges he first met Pressler when he was enrolled in a young adult Bible study that Pressler, now 88, led at First Church, Houston. Rollins later worked at Pressler's law firm. He claimed the abuse started in the late 1970s when Rollins was age 14, and continued through 2004.

Rollins claimed the SBC, along with other defendant, had a "duty to exercise reasonable care so as to control" Pressler, who served as a member of the SBC Executive Committee from 1984-91.



PRESSLER

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after the full board had moved him to president emeritus status a week earlier.

The 34 trustees present at the Oct. 17 general session adopted Richard's motion on a voice vote with what Baptist Press (BP) estimated as no more than four negative votes.

Following that session, trustee Bret Barber, senior pastor of First Church, Farmersville, Texas, and a member of the executive committee, and trustee Wayne Dickard, a retired pastor from South Carolina, discussed the vote with BP and the Southern Baptist TEXAN, weekly news journal of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, in an interview approved by the board.

Barber voted for ratifying the executive committee's actions. Dickard, not an executive committee member, voted against it.

Dickard said he was "sad" at Patterson's departure, and Barber fought back tears as he discussed it.

"We're all Christians, and we're not angry with each other," said Dickard. "We differ greatly. Bart and I voted in different directions on a number of different issues. That doesn't make him my enemy."

Dickard believes the process and the result of the executive committee's dealings with Patterson were flawed, including the committee's decision during a series of meetings in April and May to waive a requirement of Southwestern's bylaws that 10-days' notice be given for all executive committee meetings.

He also believes the executive committee violated a requirement of Robert's Rules



Barber (left) and Dickard

of Order that a committee not "pass motions that conflict with the full board."

Barber said waiver of notice requirements for meetings is common practice for boards and that Patterson skipped "numerous" meetings of the executive committee in April and May where "matters of great significance were discussed," though he could have attended.

Patterson also declined a formal request that he attend an executive committee meeting, Barber said.

The relationship between Patterson and the board ultimately became unworkable, in Barber's view. However, Barber noted "people ought to listen" to Dickard's concerns as they evaluate whether circumstances were extenuating enough to justify the executive committee's departure from standard operating procedures.

One reason to move forward, Dickard said, is that Patterson "didn't have the votes on the board to remain here..."

In May, I thought he had those votes, and the first vote that was taken [in the May 22-23 meeting], he did have them, but today he doesn't have the votes on the board to still be president."

Barber said it's difficult to state one main reason Patterson departed because "we have a 40-member board" and "there are at least 40 answers to the question of why."

Trustees who vote differently "may agree on 90% of what we talked about, but there's a 10-percent difference that nudges me onto one side of the line and nudges him onto the other," Barber said.

Trustee chairman Kevin Ueckert, lead pastor of First Church, Georgetown, Texas, told BP about the meeting. "We had things to discuss that were difficult and challenging. Everybody experienced a great deal of encouragement because of our common belief that God is leading us forward as a seminary around our core mission."

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volunteers in Panama City, FL, to conduct a mass feeding operation utilizing the kitchen facilities of Highland Church. About 10,000 meals per day are needed. This is Katrina, multiplied," McGivney said.

McGivney was referring to Hurricane Katrina, which raked the Mississippi Gulf Coast in 2005 after making landfall at the mouth of the Bay of St. Louis and causing near-complete destruction. New Orleans also suffered disastrous flooding as Katrina caused levee failures around the below-sea-level city.

McGivney has also asked for financial gifts to replenish rapidly-depleting disaster relief funds being utilized to show God's love to victims who have lost virtually all their earthly possessions. At present, there is no system in place to accept in-kind donations such as canned goods, clothing, appliances, etc.

McGivney explained that tax-deductible financial gifts are most effective because:

■ Precisely what is needed, when it is needed, may be purchased to support operations during response and recovery as well as eliminate problems of outdated and unneeded items.

■ Handling, storing, documenting, and transporting financial contributions is easier and utilizes fewer resources than in-kind donations.

■ Monetary donations help prevent the "second disaster

of stockpiling useless in-kind donations. After every disaster there are often truckloads of materials that were completely unusable that must be distributed or rehoused, or disposed of. This takes valuable time, effort, and manpower away from assisting those in need.

■ Nonprofit organizations are able to provide tax-deductible receipts to donors.

■ Purchasing products in a disaster-impacted area helps rebuild the local economy. Getting the wheels of the economy moving in a disaster area is a key component in the recovery process.

■ Leveraging pre-established relationships and making wholesale/bulk purchases allows voluntary organizations to purchase more for their money.

Checks should be made payable to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and designated to Disaster Relief on the memo line, then mailed to MBCB at P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. For more information, contact the MBCB Men's Ministry Department at the above address.

The Bible talks about the urgency of the harvest in John 4:35. There is a window of opportunity for each harvest, and then that window closes forever," McGivney said. "Right now, our harvest window of opportunity in these stricken areas is wide open to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with an incredible number of people and families."

"One day, this window of opportunity will close forever. All of us need to play our part while there's still time."

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Need a light?

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Simply share the following prayer with God in your own words:

1. Lord, I admit that I need you. (I have sinned.)
2. I want forgiveness for my sins and freedom from eternal death. (I repent.)
3. I believe Jesus died and rose from the grave to forgive my sins and to restore my relationship with you. (I believe in Jesus.)
4. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ into my life. From this time on, I want to live in a loving relationship with Him. (I receive Christ as my Savior and Lord.)

"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for Christ today, contact a local Southern Baptist church for spiritual guidance.

With Obedience • James 1:19-2:13

Have you ever heard the term, "jailhouse religion"? Typically, the phrase is used in a derogatory manner to refer to offenders who "find religion" without a real heart change. They do so to create a favorable impression with family, cellmates or the parole board.

Like any other prison, Angola has her share of folks who have found religion without relationship. However, there are many, many more offenders who have met Christ and have been redeemed. So how can we tell the difference? James provides the answer. He explains that true believers respond to Jesus' work in their lives with obedience and compassion. Let's consider James' instructions to believers of his day and then apply his instructions to our lives today.

Heeding (James 1:19-21)

James called on his readers to rid themselves of anger and other evil and to instead humbly live out the truth of the gospel. He writes, "...everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God" (vv. 19-20). This anger is not righteous indignation that comes from injustice. Instead, James is referring to selfish anger – the type of anger that comes when people disagree and egos are bruised, when people feel neglected and unheard. James encouraged his

readers to get rid of the anger and live according to God's Word.

Folks, our country is so full of anger with a mob mentality overtaking the minds of so many. We must be like James and encourage each other to listen to the teachings of God's Word, remove the actions in our lives that have been obstructions, and humbly live out the truth of the gospel.

Doing (James 1:22-25)

After encouraging his followers to hear and heed God's Word, he chal-

lenged them to become doers of the Word and to take action on the things they discovered. He explained that acting on God's truth

leads to blessing but that not acting on God's truth exhibits dead faith.

We must also respond to James' clarion call. We cannot be content to sit, soak, and sour in our cushioned pews. Instead, we must take action on the truths revealed to us in God's Word. Perhaps God has been stirring your heart to get involved. I want to encourage you to prayerfully con-

sider prison ministry. We are blessed to have wonderful consultants like John and Melinda Henry who travel all over the state to minister to offenders. However, as Luke reminds us, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few" (Lk. 10:2, NASB). To get more information, you can call the MBCB.

Loving (James 1:26-27; 2:1-4)

James emphasized that one action seen in believers was their compassion and treatment of others. Their careful

use of words, their care for the needy, and their fair treatment of all were to be traits of believers. Believers are to show compassion

and love to all people in both word and deed. I am so thankful for the volunteers who show compassion and love to my guys (the offenders).

As you think of prison ministry, I can think of at least ways you can become involved. The first is to minister directly to offenders in state prisons and local jails. Those without Jesus desperately need Him and those with

Jesus need encouragement. They all need compassion and love.

The second area of ministry is often forgotten but so very important. Within our churches are victims of horrible crimes. Many of them sit there filled with anger, pain, fear, and bitterness. They feel isolated and alone because they have never shared their trauma with another person. They also desperately need your compassion and love. Is God calling you and your church to minister to victims of crime?

So, how can I tell the difference between offenders who have "jailhouse religion" and offenders who have experienced a life-changing relationship with Jesus? The first group continues to exhibit the attributes of the lost. They are "forgetful hearers" (v. 25) and they hang on to "all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness" (v. 21). But those who have Jesus in their hearts have become hearers of the Word. They have heard what the Word says, heeded what they have learned and put aside the evil and wickedness. They have become doers of the Word, and as they live the Word out loud, they show compassion and love to others.

McGraw is a NAMB-endorsed chaplain at Louisiana State Penitentiary and member of Woodville Church, Woodville.

Explore the Bible
with Liz McGraw

A Prayer of Surrender • Matthew 6:10; James 4:6-10, 13-17

We learned in our last two lessons to begin our prayers by acknowledging God as our Father, and to give Him the adoration due Him. This week, we learn to surrender to our Father, even as our lives are lived to His praise and glory. Matthew 6:10 reads, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven," (KJV). God's kingdom is His rule and reign in the hearts of His followers. Scripture teaches that this word that God made from nothing, was initially completely under His control. When Adam and Eve disobeyed the Creator, choosing instead to listen to the deceiver, this world came under satanic control. The Apostle Paul wrote that, "we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now," Romans 8:22 (KJV). Even creation itself groans from being under the dominion of Satan.

Jesus, "by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh," (Hebrews 10:20 KJV), delivered "us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into His kingdom," Colossians 1:13 (KJV). Therefore, we may truly pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, for we have been freed from the power

of sin that ruled from Adam to Christ. With so much evil in the world, some ask how God could allow that to happen. God desires, however, to change our sinful hearts so that we obey Him and obey not the thief who came only "to steal, and to kill, and to destroy," John 10:10 (KJV). The evil in this world happens when we seek our will and our kingdom instead of His kingdom and His will.

Anyone who has raised a child knows how difficult it is to explain why the child must do something he or she would rather not do or cannot have something that he or she wants. Children often do not ask for what is best for them, so they must learn to trust the adult in charge. As we come to God with our requests, we must trust Him also. As we pray, we surrender our requests to His will. God is sovereign and knows what is best for us. As Rick Warren

wrote in *Purpose Driven Life*, "God is more interested in our character than our comfort," (Zondervan, 2013). As a small child does not want an inoculation that it needs, so the Father often works in us to produce what He knows we need. God calls us to trust Him in all things.

James 4:6-7 teaches, "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves

therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you," (KJV). Jesus said to seek the Lord's will here, "as it is in Heaven."

This text in James reiterates our need to submit to God. James 4:10 adds, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up," (KJV). Admitting to God that He knows best is an essential part of surrender to Him.

In the introduction to *Thinking About God*, (1974, and 1995, Insight

Press) Fisher Humphries wrote about how Samuel thought Eli was calling him in the night. In 1 Samuel 3:6 (NAS), Eli, realizing it was the Lord calling, told Samuel to answer God, "Speak, LORD, for Thy servant is listening." Humphries wrote that the prayer of the modern Christian is often, "Listen, Lord, for thy servant is speaking." In the Lord's prayer, before we ask for our needs to be met, we must seek God's will in our lives here on earth just as God's will is accomplished in heaven.

James 4:6-7 reads, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you," (KJV). The word of God is an invitation for people to come to Him in faith and repentance. When we resist the Lord, we chose our way rather than His way. Our lives spiral away from the Lord and godly living (2 Corinthians 4:4, KJV). Which way we choose, nearer to God or further away, results in either being closer to God or away from Him. Praying for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, must begin with praying that God's will is accomplished in each of our own individual lives. Let His kingdom begin in you today.

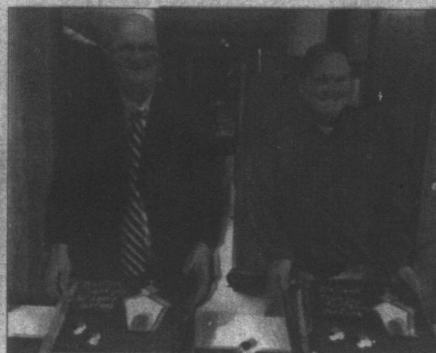
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Bible Studies for Life
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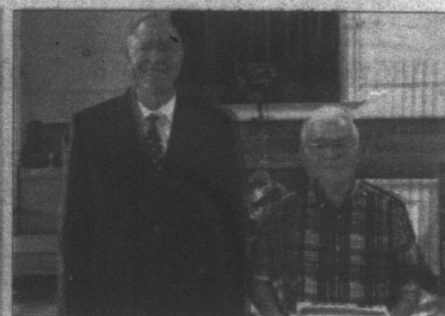
Just for the Record



NEW HOPE CHURCH, MONTICELLO, held a deacon ordination service for Tony Thames. Shown are Sherry and Tony Thames with pastor Kevin Crozier.



CENTER RIDGE CHURCH, BLUE SPRINGS, celebrated Pastor Appreciation Day Oct. 14 with Mike Brazeal and David Wallace.



PROVIDENCE CHURCH, CLEVELAND, held a recognition service Oct. 7 for Stanley Cobb. He received a certificate of recognition for his exceptional service to the church and selection as a trustee. Shown is pastor J. B. Hays, Jr., and Cobb.



TWIN LAKES CHURCH, MADISON, held an infant dedication. Left, held by mother, is Bennett Stubblefield, surrounded by grandparents Scott and Rhonda Jones and Rhett Stubblefield; right, Macy Patrick with parents Tarah and Will Patrick and brother Macon.



SELF CREEK CHURCH, GOLDEN TRIANGLE ASSOCIATION, recognized Roy Tomlinson for 32 years of service as deacon. Shown are Tomlinson and Larry Watson.



Pastor Charles Lipe, **CLEAR CREEK CHURCH, OXFORD**, is shown welcoming newest deacon Jeff Hollowell after his recent ordination.



NEW ZION CHURCH, BRAXTON, gave supplies to their teachers. The church has six teachers plus several other members who work in the school system.



STRONG HOPE CHURCH, WESSON, hosted Ruth Granger, who spoke to the ladies Oct. 7 during discipleship training about her upcoming mission trip to Romania. She travels with Gary Bowlin's Evangelical Medical Team.



BLACK JACK CHURCH, VAUGHAN, held a deacon ordination service Aug. 12. Shown are Bill Gully, pastor David White, and Will Love.



CALVARY CHURCH, SUMMIT, held its 4th annual Missions Day for children through 6th grades Oct. 13, 1 - 4 p.m. Children were taught about missionaries and mission opportunities through arts and crafts, special speakers, games, and special projects. Women On Mission with their director, Bobbie Dunaway, is responsible. Mike Burns, pastor.

In other Church News:

➤ **Escatawpa Church, Moss Point**, will hold a community-wide fall festival Oct. 31, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

➤ **First Church, Terry**, will hold a fall festival Oct. 30, 6 - 8 p.m. Door prizes, candy, games, and a cakewalk.

➤ **Ephesus Church, Forest**, is sponsoring Judgement House Oct. 27 - 28, 3 - 8 p.m. For reservations call (601) 507-3898 or 988-7776.